(a) the number of unauthorised tobacco barns in Karnataka;

(b) whether there is any proposal from Karnataka to regularise these unauthorised tobacco barns; and

(c) whether in view of the drought in Karnataka, Government would come to the rescue of farmers of the State and allow unregistered farmers to market their produce at one per cent service charge?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) There were about 29,774 unauthyorised Flue Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco barns in Karnataka upto June, 2003.

(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has asked for regularisation of unauthorized barns.

(c) A nominal penalty of Rs. 1.50 per kilogram plus one per cent of the sale proceeds, has been levied, on marketing of the excess FCV tobacco of registered growers and unauthorised FCV tobacco of unregistered growers during the crop season 2003-04.

Policy for development of tribals and dalits

†*84. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted by Government in the rural areas to as certain where the percentage of tribal and dalit children is higher;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) whether any specific policy has been implemented by Government to provide health, education and the opportunities to move forward to the tribal and dalit children; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs has not conducted any survey in rural areas about the ST, SC and other children. However, the Registrar General of India conducts Census in the country after every 10 years. According to 1991 Census for which the published data is available for ST and SC

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children, the percentage of ST and SC children in rural areas was 2034% and 19.92% respectively as against 18.76% for total population which shows that the %age of ST and SC in rural areas is higher than the general category. The statement showing state-wise population and %age of ST, SC and other children in rural areas as per 1991 Census is annexed.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Tribal Affairs provides assistance to the States, Union Territories and Non Governmental Organisations for implementing the following schemes to provide health, education and opportunities to move forward to the tribal and dalit children in addition to the schemes being implemented by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and Ministry of Human Resource Development.

1. Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (Central Sector Scheme)
2. Girls Hostels for Scheduled Tribes (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)
3. Boys Hostels for Scheduled Tribes (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)
4. Establishment of Ashram School in Tribal Sub Plan Area (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)
5. Grant in aid for Voluntary Organisations working for the welfare of STs (Central Sector Scheme)
6. Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets for Development of ST Girls in Tribal Areas (Central Sector Scheme)
7. Vocational Training in Tribal Areas (Central Sector Scheme)
8. Development of Primitive Tribal Groups (Central Sector Scheme)
9. Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Tribes Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)
10. National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Tribes (Non-Plan)
11. Coaching and Allied Scheme for STs (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)
12. Upgradation of Merit of ST students (Central Sector Scheme)
13. Book Bank for Scheduled Tribes Students (Centrally Sponsored Scheme)